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PATENT APPLICATION

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TETSUYA YANO

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For: DNA FRAGMENT CARRYING  
TOLUENE MONOOXYGENASE GENE,  
RECOMBINANT PLASMID,  
TRANSFORMED MICROORGANISM,  
METHOD FOR DEGRADING  
CHLORINATED ALIPHATIC  
HYDROCARBON COMPOUNDS AND  
AROMATIC COMPOUNDS, AND  
METHOD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
REMEDINATION

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated May 19, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.